

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1, 3-4, 7-9, 11-12, 15 and 17, cancel claim 6 and add new claims 25 and 26, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for holding a compact disk having a central hole, the apparatus comprising: a base portion; ~~at least one inwardly extending radial arm resiliently cantilevered from the base portion;~~ disk-engaging means ~~at the inner end of the said at least one arm~~ for releasably engaging the central hole of the disk and supporting the center of the disk away from the base portion; the disk-engaging means being provided with at least one projection for retaining the disk on the apparatus, and being provided at the radially inner end(s) of one or more arms, each of which is resiliently cantilevered from the base portion and extends radially inward therefrom to the disk-engaging means, and each the at least one arm having first pivot means in the region where it joins the base portion and second pivot means radially inward of the first pivot means between the first pivot means and the disk-engaging means; said second pivot means comprising a projection on the underside of the disk by the disk-engaging means; whereby depression of the disk-engaging means towards the base portion causes the radially inner end of the said at least one each arm, and at least a central portion of the disk, to be depressed towards the base portion, the disk-engaging means at least one radial arm initially pivoting about the first pivot means and subsequently pivoting about the second pivot means until radially inward movement of the projection(s) of the disk-engaging means is sufficient to release retention of the disk by the disk-engaging means.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~and 26~~ in which the projection comprises a ridge extending laterally across the underside of ~~the at least one radial~~ each respective arm.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 4 3 in which the projection projects from the underside of the at least one radial arm by a distance of 0.5-1.0 mm.
5. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the second pivot means is at least 3 mm radially inward of the first pivot means.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 6 26 in which the projections are arranged so as to overlap the upper surface of a disk held thereon by a distance in the range of 0.2 to 0.5 mm..
8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the first pivot means ~~of the at least one radial arm~~ is at a distance from the center of the apparatus of 15 mm or less.
9. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 comprising two or three ~~radial~~ arms.
10. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 9 in which the inner ends of the arms form a button-like member for depression by a user's finger.
11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 10 in which each arm has a portion of the button-like member provided at its inner end, the portions on the respective arms being interconnected.
12. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 arranged such that ~~further~~ depression of the disk-engaging means ~~following pivoting about the second pivot means~~ causes the base portion to flex so that radially outer portions thereof rise relative to a central area thereof and so assist in lifting the disk away from the disk-engaging means.

13. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which a central area of the base portion is thinner than radially outer portions thereof to enable the center of the disk to be depressed further.
14. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 comprising a peripheral support for supporting the periphery of a disk when the disk-engaging means is initially depressed, whereby further depression of the disk-engaging means, and hence of a central area of the disk, causes the center of the disk to be flexed toward the base portion.
15. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 comprising an upstand provided on the base portion for surrounding, or partially surrounding, the periphery of a disk held thereon so as to inhibit access to the edge of the disk by a user's finger until the disk has been released from the disk-engaging means.
16. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 formed of plastics material.
17. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 16 arranged to enable it to be formed by a one-shot injection molding ~~moulding~~ process.
18. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 16 integrally formed as part of a container.
19. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 17 formed as a tray for providing with a cover or insertion into a container.
20. (Previously Amended) Apparatus for holding a compact disk having a central hole, the apparatus comprising a base portion; at least two inwardly extending radial arms resiliently cantilevered from the base portion; and disk engaging means provided at the inner end of the arms for releasably engaging the central hole of the disk, whereby depression of the disk engaging means towards the base

portion causes the inner ends of the arms, and at least a central portion of the disk to be depressed towards the base portion until retention of the disk by the disk-engaging means is released, and including means causing the base portion to flex and the radially outer portions thereof to be raised relative to a central area thereof upon further depression of the disk-engaging means, whereby said radially outer portions engage the periphery of the disk and assist in lifting the disk away from the disk engaging means.

21. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 20 in which upward movement of the radially outward portions of the base portion is enhanced by forming each radial arm so that it joins the base portion at a pivot point which is arranged such that depression of the arm tends to cause radially outer portions of the base portion to rise rather than just flexing the arm relative to the base portion.
22. (Previously Amended) Apparatus for holding a compact disk having a central hole, the apparatus comprising: a base portion; at least one inwardly extending radial arm resiliently cantilevered from the base portion; disk-engaging means at the inner end of the at least one arm for releasably engaging the central hole of the disk, and the at least one arm having first pivot means in the region where it joins the base portion and second pivot means radially inward of the first pivot means, the thickness of the apparatus from the top of the disk-engaging means to the underside of the base portion being 4 mm or less.
23. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 22 mounted within a cover, in which the overall thickness, including the thickness of the cover, is 4 mm or less.
24. (Canceled)
25. (NEW) Apparatus for holding a compact disk having a central hole, the apparatus comprising: a base portion; at least one inwardly extending radial arm resiliently cantilevered from the base portion; disk-engaging means at the inner end of the at

least one arm for releasably engaging the central hole of the disk and supporting the center of the disk away from the base portion; the at least one arm having first pivot means in the region where it joins the base portion and second pivot means radially inward of the first pivot means; said second pivot means comprising a projection on the underside of the disk by the disk-engaging means; whereby depression of the disk-engaging means towards the base portion causes the inner end of the said at least one arm, and at least a central portion of the disk, to be depressed towards the base portion, the at least one radial arm initially pivoting about the first pivot means and subsequently pivoting about the second pivot means until inward movement of the disk-engaging means is sufficient to release retention of the disk by the disk-engaging means.

26. (NEW) Apparatus, as claimed in claim 1, in which the second pivot means comprises a projection on the underside of each respective arm.